

Look around you

Sometimes, we make an instant judgement against someone based on their clothes, voice, age, or which football team they support.

Have you ever seen this happen?



Did you know?

The Romans made regular lists of everyone in their Empire. They counted people into as many as six groups, from the richest and most powerful down to the very poor. The slaves came below all these six classes – a seventh group with very few rights or protection at all. They were seen as things rather than people.

Imagine

Although Corinth was a rich and go-ahead city, there were some harsh rules about who was important and who was not. Some people were born with freedom and rights, other people were slaves.

If you were born a slave, however skilled and clever you were, everything you did and had belonged to your owner. If you managed to work well, you might be able

to buy your freedom, you might even become rich. But you would still be known as a 'freedman' and everyone would know that you used to be a slave. You would not be allowed to take some jobs in the law or the government. The church that Paul organised in Corinth was one of the few places where these rules did not apply and everybody tried to serve God together.



Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

A nugget to explore with children: Chapter 6, verses 3-4a and 13b

*We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way...
Open wide your hearts also.*